

WILL LET HER BOY BE 'BAD,' SHE SAYS, TO HAVE HIM HOME

Mother Who Kept Little Chap Prisoner in Room Begs for His Custody.

HE WOULD STAY AWAY.

Likes the Company of Other Children in Rooms of the Society.

Henry De Graaf, the eleven-year-old boy who was kept a prisoner in his home at No. 1879 Third avenue for more than two years by his mother, as she believed that if he was allowed to mingle with the other boys he would become bad, was arraigned before Justice Salmon in Children's Court today.

"The boy has been in the care of the Children's Society since last week. He said he had changed his mind and now wanted to return home, and now wanted to stay at the Gerry society rooms. The boy's mother, a bent, unscrupulous woman, was in court, and when she heard the boy say he did not wish to return she held out her arms to the lad and pleaded with him to go home with her.

"Matame," said Justice Salmon, "what made you keep this boy locked up in your home and not allow him to attend school or have any playmates?"

"Oh, the world of today is so wicked, your honor, and I did not want my little boy to be like the rest of the boys in the neighborhood. I wanted to keep him clean in mind and body, and as he is my boy I thought I had a right to bring him up the way I wanted to."

Not Getting Fair Chance.

"But didn't you realize that you were not giving the child a fair chance in life by depriving him of an education and keeping him from enjoying himself?"

"I'll send him to school and let him play with the other boys if you will only give him back to me again. He is all I have, and they had no right to take him from me last week."

Officer Covogue of the Children's Society then told Justice Salmon that he had visited the woman's home last night, and said it was in an unsanitary condition and not fit to live in.

"I don't want to take your boy away from you," said the justice, "but because I let you take him you will have to provide a sanitary home for him and send him to school. You must also allow him to play with the other little children and to have the other little boys are treated. Are you willing to do this?"

"I am willing to do anything to get him back again," said the mother.

"Well, you get your home in good shape, and I will remain the boy to the Children's Society until Friday. If by that time you show that you mean what you say I will let you have him."

"I Want Him Now!"

"But I want him now! I want him now!" cried Mrs. DeGraaf, pulling the lad to her.

"Do you want to go home now, Henry?" asked Justice Salmon.

"I want to go home where I was, and play with the boys there. I had a doll there. I saw Santa Claus and got lots of presents too and I don't like to be kept in all this time. I like my mamma, but she won't let me go out."

Here the mother broke in and told the lad that he could go out as much as he wanted to and pleaded again with him to go back home.

Justice Salmon then told the woman that she would have to wait until Friday and to come to court on that day, and if she had the Court's order to have the apartment in which she lived in good order she may have the boy.

Henry was led up to the detention room in Children's Court and the mother sobbingly left the court after kissing him good-bye.

CAR RAMS AUTO TRUCK LOADED WITH MONEY.

Chauffeur and Helper Are Injured in Crash on Madison Avenue.

A south-bound Madison avenue trolley car in charge of Motorman Cadworth on No. 22 Lexington avenue crashed into an Adams Express Company auto truck in front of the company's stables at Madison avenue and Forty-eighth street today, partly demolishing the truck and seriously injuring Charles J. Irwin of No. 22 West Fifth street, helper on the wagon. William Baker of No. 28 West avenue, the chauffeur, was also hurt.

The motorman did not see the truck coming out of the stable and the chauffeur did not see the approach of the trolley car. The car struck the auto truck and his helper were hurled to the ground. The chauffeur was cut and bruised on the hands and face. His helper was injured internally and was removed to the Flower Hospital.

The auto truck carried twelve cases of money to be delivered to the United States Express Company. None of the money boxes were broken in the smash. No one in the trolley car was hurt.

ONESIME ROBITAILLE WILL.

Contest Begun by Brother on Grand Testator's Mind Was Unsound.

A contest of the will of Onesime Robitaille, otherwise known as J. O. Roberts, who died last July in this city, leaving an estate worth \$50,000, was filed in the Surrogate's court today by a brother, Joseph Robitaille, of Canada.

The entire estate was left to thirty-seven nephews and nieces. The contestant claims his brother was of unsound mind when he made his will. Onesime Robitaille changed his name to Roberts when he came to New York a number of years ago. He was engaged in the importing business.

ORIGINAL FASHIONS By M. Lodewick



I. Stunping suit of garnet red broadcloth. The empire coat cuts away at the front from a band which comes to a point and forms a single fastening. At this point also starts a shawl collar of black and white striped velvet. The skirt is trimmed with a band from which falls a slightly circular pouf, opening at the front as corresponding in effect with the coat. The small bouffe has a large puff crown of black velvet draped toward the back, with a band of white fox next the face, trimmed with a gold butterfly.

WALL STREET

The stock market at the start this morning was still susceptible to professional selling and the list was depressed on an average of 1 point before a firmer tone developed. Finding there was not a demand for stocks, the trading element resumed their operations of yesterday by selling stocks, and the market during the first hour displayed a slow, sagging tendency.

Table with columns: High, Low, Last, Bid, Ask. Lists various stocks like Am. Sugar, Am. Tobacco, etc.

NEW PRISON CONTRACT GIVEN TO CARLIN COMPANY.

NEWBURGH, N. Y., Dec. 28.—A meeting of the Prison Commission was held in Albany today, and the contract for erecting the new State prison at Windale, Dutchess County, was awarded to the P. J. Carlin Construction Company for the sum of \$2,150,000.

"GAGGED" GIRL CONFESSES WEIRD STORY IS FALSE

Pretty Bookkeeper Invented It to Cover Thefts From Employer.

Ada Piers, the pretty bookkeeper employed by the East-Stead Company at No. 3 City street, was told a story of having been gagged and choked by a revolver and gagged and choked by an insane robber yesterday, until she surrendered \$5 in cash belonging to her employer, was a dreadful little pretender. It was she who took the money and invented the story to fool everybody.

She also confessed to the police today that she stole \$29 belonging to her employer last November. Miss Piers, following her "terrific" experience went home last night and after eating a hearty meal made the family wonder at her great nerve, as she went to a dance with a young man. When she returned to her home, No. 14 East One Hundred and Seventh street, two strange men were waiting to see her. They were Detectives Foy and Hays of Headquarters.

BRAVED DANGERS OF STORMY SEA

Lighthouse Keeper Sails Six Miles Through Drifting Ice to Get Father John's Medicine.

David W. Collison, assistant keeper of a Maryland lighthouse, tells the risk and dangers he experienced in order to secure a supply of Father John's Medicine, as follows:

I am at "Seven Foot Knoll" lighthouse, Patapsk River, Md. I was on the verge of grip. I had previously used Father John's Medicine with good success and needed a supply to give me strength to ward off the attack.

Employer Warned No Arrest. The officer did not arrest her. Mr. Richard had asked that this should not be done. He had known her father for years, he said, and he did not want the family disgraced. The detective reported to Inspector Russell at headquarters.

Foy and Hays, who were put on the case yesterday afternoon, carefully searched the premises and found the little bag of silver in a pigeonhole near the front of the store. They also discovered that the young woman had attempted to conceal some previous stealings by setting fire to the firm's bank-books. These had not been destroyed, however.

JAMES H. HASLIN BETTER.

President of N. Y. A. C. Recovering from Second Attack of Illness.

James H. Haslin, president of the New York Athletic Club, has been kept in his rooms in the Hotel Marie Antoinette for several days by a severe cold, is so much better to-day his physicians expect him to be out in a few days.

MONEY TO CITY COLLEGE.

Gen. Tremain Makes Bequest for History Prize.

GLENS FALLS, N. Y., Dec. 28.—The will of Gen. Henry E. Tremain of New York, admitted to probate here today, leaves \$5,000 to the College of the City of New York to maintain the Tremain History Prize; bequeaths sums ranging from \$1,000 to \$10,000 to employees, and gives the rest of the estate to relatives. No statement of the value of the property is given, but Gen. Tremain was generally rated a millionaire. He maintained his legal residence here.

DR. D. E. E. WIBER DEAD.

Washington Man Was a National Figure in Amateur Athletics.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28.—A national figure in amateur athletics, Dr. D. E. E. Wiber, died at his home here today of acute indigestion. Dr. Wiber represented the United States abroad in athletic matters on several occasions. He was recently appointed an American representative on the committee for the next Olympic games.

FINDS WIFE IN JAIL WITH ANOTHER MAN SO HE TRIES TO DIE

Steamer Surgeon Arrives Home to Find House Deserted and Canary Dead.

SHE STOLE A HORSE.

"Brother" Lived With Her Whenever Dr. Mann Was Away on Voyage.

Dr. Walter Mann, surgeon of the H.S. liner Caracas, came ashore and went to his home at No. 214 East Twentieth street to have a Christmas reunion with his wife Saturday.

He found the house deserted and cold. The canary bird had starved to death. He heard strange things about a "brother" of his wife who had been living at the house. While he was waiting and wondering a note came from his wife.

It was written in the Queens County Jail in Long Island City, telling him she was locked up for horse stealing and was mixed up with her was riding furniture, son of Dr. Henry Dunning, a retired surgeon of the navy.

The letter assumed that Dr. Mann would find Dunning's things scattered about the house when he walked in and all the references to the horse were from then were correct. Dunning had actually lived at the house whenever in the last two years the surgeon had been away with his wife.

Husband Takes Gas. Dr. Mann said nothing to his neighbors of this news. He did not go to jail, but late last night he was found unconscious from gas in his room and was taken to Bellevue Hospital for treatment.

Mrs. Mann was arrested at Coney Island with Dunning. They were in a wagon which was owned by William Leung of Manhattan. It and it was drawn by a horse which belonged to Herman Sabar of the same town. They confessed they had stolen them.

Partner was out of money and he did not know what to do, said Mrs. Mann. "We had been visiting from in Massachusetts. Going by a stage Sidney looked in and saw the horses and wagons there all unguarded, so we latched up a team and drove away. We had not had time to sell it."

"I know my husband was due in port, and I knew that he would find out everything from the looks of things here, so I wrote and told him everything."

Dunning Doesn't Care. Young Dunning, who is a likely looking fellow and dresses well, has interested the jail people and the police by the careless way in which he seems to regard the plight of himself and Mrs. Mann.

The neighbors of the East Twentieth street house say that Mrs. Mann and her supposed brother were frequently away on long trips, and always came back loaded down with bundles.

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FLITTING OF HYDE SEEMS ALL RIGHT TO MAYOR GAYNOR

"Nonsense," Says City's Executive About Criticism of Absent City Chamberlain.

All the criticism regarding the continued absence of City Chamberlain Hyde from the city at a time when his testimony is required by the Legislative Graft Investigation Committee was called "nonsense" today by Mayor Gaynor.

"Yes, it's all nonsense," repeated the Mayor.

Mr. Gaynor was informed that The World had suggested today editorially that the Mayor should appoint a new City Chamberlain.

"I am not taking any objection from The World," replied Mayor Gaynor. "Mr. Hyde has been in the habit for years of going South during the winter, and his absence now is no exception. He has not even been subpoenaed to appear before the committee."

The Mayor added that he did not know exactly in what part of the Southern country Mr. Hyde is now located.

Back "in a Few Days." At the office of the City Chamberlain Mr. Smith, secretary to Mr. Hyde, said he had received no word from the City Chamberlain, did not know where he was and could not communicate with him if he desired. He expected to receive word from Mr. Hyde "in a few days."

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ROTHENBERG AND WEST 14th STREET SATISFACTION GUARANTEED OR MONEY PROMPTLY REFUNDED

Clearance Sale! A Quartet of Wonderful Offerings in Women's Coats



Women's 54-Inch Long Seal Plush Coats Full 54-inch handsome coat of SEAL PLUSH or crushed velvet, semi-fitting back, turnback cuffs, large shawl collar; guaranteed satin finished serge linings throughout; sizes 32 to 44; to-morrow at 5.98

Kersey Coats with Seal Plush Collars and Cuffs. An excellent quality kersey, new 54-inch model, with a large shawl collar and turnback cuffs of Seal Plush—a garment worth \$9.00; on sale to-morrow at 3.98

Rich Brocaded Satin Lined Ponskin Fur Coats Made in a beautiful 54-inch semi-fitted model; large shawl collar; new full sleeves with turnback cuffs; Coats lined throughout with brocaded satin; sizes 32 to 42; featured for this sale at 19.98

This Five Piece Parlor Suite, \$24



Sale of Baby High Chairs Combination go-cart, tea chair, high chair—highly polished quartered oak; reduced from \$1.50 (to-morrow only) to 2.50

Rich Walnut Dressers Like cut—6 large drawers—\$4 reduced to \$2.50

Wanted Rugs 9 x 6 Size Reversible Smyrna Rugs \$3.50 Royal Axminster Rugs \$7.50 Seamless Brussels Rugs \$5.00 Reversible Art Square Rugs \$3.00

Lace Curtains 3,000 Handsome Scotch Lace Curtains, 75c to \$1.75 values, in Arabian or White, at each, 49c

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Genuine Cork Linoleum 2-Yard Wide Imported Inlaid Linoleum Perfect in every detail; a score of patterns for your choosing; value \$1.39; at square yard 89c

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